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1. HERewith FULL TEXT, SPECIAL TO THE NEW YORK TIMES
BY-LINER, NEW YORK TIMES, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, HEADED
"ALLON'S NEW PROPOSALS FOR PEACE SET OFF WIDE PROTESTS
IN ISRAEL."

2. TEL AVIV, SEPT. 17--A PEACE PROPOSAL OUTLINED BY
FOREIGN MINISTER YIGAL ALLON IN THE CURRENT ISSUE OF THE
AMERICAN MAGAZINE FOREIGN AFFAIRS BROUGHT PROTESTS IN
JERUSALEM TODAY, AND PARLIAMENT WAS CALLED TO DEBATE THE
MATTER ON THE DEMAND OF THE OPPOSITION LIKUD PARTY.

3. A SPOKESMAN FOR PRIME MINISTER YITZHAK RABIN SAID HE
HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED BEFORE PUBLICATION. THE ISRAELI
RADIO SAID LATER THAT THE CABINET WOULD DISCUSS THE
ARTICLE AT ITS NEXT MEETING.

4. MR. ALLON'S ARTICLE, WHICH OFFERS SUBSTANTIAL ISRAELI
WITHDRAWALS FROM ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN THE 1967
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WAR, WAS CRITICIZED TODAY BY BOTH HARDLINERS AND SOFT-

LINERS. MR. ALLON ALSO PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT PALESTINIAN-JORDANIAN ENTITY IN PARTS OF THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP.

5. THE CRITICS, WHO SAID HE HAD DONE A DISSERVICE BY FOCUSING ON THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE, MAINTAINED THAT THE MIDDLE EASTERN IMPASSE WAS NOT A RESULT OF ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO YIELD TERRITORY BUT OF ARAB UNWILLINGNESS TO MAKE PEACE.

6. MR. ALLON'S PREDECESSOR AS FOREIGN MINISTER, ABBA EBAN, SUGGESTED IN A RADIO INTERVIEW THAT IT HAD BEEN A TACTICAL MISTAKE TO PUBLISH THE ARTICLE JUST IN ADVANCE OF THE OPENING NEXT TUESDAY OF THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE COMMENTED THAT A PLAN THAT ENVISAGED ISRAELI ANNEXATION OF 40 PERCENT OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY WOULD NEITHER ENCOURAGE THE ARABS TO MAKE PEACE NOR STRENGTHEN ISRAEL'S POSITION IN WASHINGTON.

7. MR. ALLON SAID IN HIS ARTICLE THAT ISRAEL WAS WILLING TO MAKE TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS AS LONG AS THEY PROVIDED FOR DEFENSIBLE BORDERS WITH "AN ESSENTIAL MINIMUM OF STRATEGIC DEPTH." WITH THE PRECISE BOUNDARIES TO BE FIXED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.

8. THE FOREIGN MINISTER IS ALSO THE AUTHOR OF A PEACE PLAN BEARING HIS NAME THAT THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT HAS NEVER OFFICIALLY ADOPTED OR REJECTED BUT THAT IT HAS TESTED IN CONTACTS WITH THE ARABS, WHO HAVE REJECTED IT AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION.

9. THE PROPOSALS IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIFFER FROM THE ORIGINAL ALLON PLAN IN THAT THEY APPEAR TO CLOSE THE OPTION OF ANOTHER PALESTINIAN STATE APART FROM THE KINGDOM OF JORDAN--A POINT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY LEFT OPEN.

10. TO MANY IN THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY, THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS ARTICLE TOOK ON ADDED SIGNIFICANCE BECAUSE IT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A MAP ILLUSTRATING MR. ALLON'S PROPOSALS. HE SENT A MESSAGE TO THE MAGAZINE UNCLASSIFIED

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MAINTAINING THAT HE HAD NOT SEEN OR APPROVED THE MAP AND THAT IT DID NOT ACCURATELY REFLECT HIS VIEWS.

11. WILLIAM P. BUNDY, EDITOR OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, CONFIRMED YESTERDAY THAT THE MAP ORIGINATED WITH THE MAGAZINE'S EDITORS AND "WAS INTENDED ONLY TO BE ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE GENERAL OUTLINES OF MR. ALLON'S PROPOSALS." (END TEXT) ROBINSON

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